

**The City of Springfield, Ohio
City Commission Public Hearing Minutes
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – 6:55 p.m.
City Hall Forum**

161-21 Renaming a portion of West McCreight Avenue, from North Fountain Boulevard to Saint Paris Road, to the dual naming of "West McCreight Avenue/Hermann Carr Way."

The public hearing was called to order by President Copeland. Roll Call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. Rue, and President Copeland. Mr. O'Neill was absent.

Mr. Copeland inquired from the Clerk if proper legal notice was given on such public hearing.

The Clerk read a communication relative thereto, attached to which were copies of the public hearing notices. Said notices were published in the *Springfield News-Sun* on July 21 and 28, 2021.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the communication and notice were ordered received, recorded in the minutes, and filed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 4, Nays 0.

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August 31, 2021

Honorable City Commission  
The City of Springfield, Ohio

Honorable Commissioners:

Notice was published in the *Springfield News-Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, advertising the City Commission's consideration of renaming a portion of West McCreight Avenue, from North Fountain Boulevard to Saint Paris Road, to the dual naming of "West McCreight Avenue/Hermann Carr Way."

Attached hereto are true and correct copies of the Notices of Public Hearing published on July 21 and 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill R. Pierce  
Clerk of the City Commission

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First Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED DUAL STREET RENAMING

Notice is hereby given that on June 21, 2021, Marcia Carr Hagler filed with the Clerk of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio, a certain petition praying for the renaming of a portion of West McCreight Avenue, from North Fountain Boulevard to Saint Paris Road, to the proposed dual naming of "West McCreight Avenue/Hermann Carr Way".

Notice is hereby further given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 6:55 P.M. (local time), in the City Commission Forum, City Hall, 76 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio, to consider the renaming of said street. Details on how to participate can be found on the City's website, www.springfieldohio.gov or by calling the City Clerk's Office at 937-324-7341.

By order of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio.

Jill R. Pierce
Clerk of the City Commission

7-21/2021

Second Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED DUAL STREET RENAMING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 6:55 p.m. (local time), in the City Commission Forum, City Hall, 76 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio, to consider the renaming of a portion of West McCreight Avenue, from North Fountain Boulevard to Saint Paris Road, to the proposed dual naming of "West McCreight Avenue/Hermann Carr Way." Details on how to participate can be found on the City's website, www.springfieldohio.gov or by calling the City Clerk's Office at 937-324-7341.

This notice has been published on the State of Ohio public notice website at www.publicnoticesohio.com and can also be viewed at www.springfieldnewsun.com.

By order of the City Commission of The City of Springfield, Ohio.

Jill R. Pierce
Clerk of the City Commission

Stephen Thompson, Community Development Deputy Director, City of Springfield, Ohio
76 East High Street, 937-324-7674, stompson@springfieldohio.gov
7-28/2021

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Mr. Copeland then called upon City Planner Agwan for a staff report. She reported as follows:

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

On June 21, 2021, Marcia Carr Hagler, 300 East Krepps Road, Xenia, Ohio 45385, filed a request for dual street renaming of West McCreight Avenue from North Fountain Boulevard to Saint Paris Road as "Hermann Carr Way." The applicant states Officer Hermann Carr marched in the Memorial Day Parade to lead school safety patrol students and adult patrol members. He performed magic as "Hermann the Magician" in Springfield and surrounding schools. He retired from the Springfield Police Department in 1988 after 27 years of service. This section of McCreight Avenue was chosen since it was the original parade route and Officer Carr's final resting place is in Ferncliff Cemetery.

A street renaming is permitted under Chapter 905, Vacation or Narrowing of Streets. Specifically, Section 905.02 sets forth the rules and regulations governing street and alley name changes.

### **RETURNED REPORTS:**

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| City Service Department: | Recommend denial - this creates an unnecessary current and future expenses and labor or the traffic control division who are working to maintain our existing infrastructure and remain in compliance with ever changing federal regulations. |
| Building Inspections:    | No objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fire Division:           | No objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Police Division:         | No objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| City Manager's Office:   | Recommend denial – high cost of materials.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Planning and Zoning:     | Recommend approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Planning and Zoning staff recommended approval of the request to dual name West McCreight Avenue, and the City Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.

### **COMMENTS**

Mr. Copeland asked if there were comments from the Commission.

Mr. Rue noted the applicants withdrew their first request and filed a second request with a modified name change. City Manager Heck and Community Development Director Meadows confirmed staff worked with the applicants to modify their request from a street renaming to a dual street naming. Mr. Rue noted Mr. Carr's honorable work with the Police Division and Safety City activities.

Mrs. Chilton asked if the staff's objections originally listed in the staff report were still valid. Mr. Heck noted staff does not object to the dual naming request, but changes to the dual naming procedures and the associated costs will be reviewed for future requests.

Dr. Estrop asked about other locations with dual names, and Mr. Heck noted several around the city.

Mrs. Chilton who is responsible for the related expenses. Ms. Agwan noted the applicant is responsible for 50 percent and the city is responsible for 50 percent of the expense for adding new signage.

Mr. Copeland asked if there were comments from the audience.

Mr. Clark Carr spoke on his father's accomplishments during his 27 years with the Springfield Police Division. Hermann Carr started the Safety City program for children in 1969, served as a resource officer in the schools, performed magic shows as Hermann the Magician, and walked in the Memorial Day parade for many years with school safety patrol members.

Ms. Carol Dunlap spoke on Hermann Carr's lasting impact on Springfield families and the many relationships he had in the community.

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There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the public hearing adjourned.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 4, Nays 0.

  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION